

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

JOE ANDREW SALAZAR,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HTC CORPORATION

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-01096-JRG-RSP

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**PLAINTIFF’S FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL COMPLAINT
FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Joe Andrew Salazar (“Salazar” or “Plaintiff”), files this First Amended Original Complaint for Patent Infringement against HTC Corporation (“Defendant”) and as claim for relief states as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for patent infringement under the Patent Act.
2. Salazar is an individual with an address of 825 Clemens Way, Lompoc, California 93436.
3. On information and belief, HTC Corporation is a Taiwanese multinational corporation with a principal place of business at No 23 Xinghua Rd., Taoyuan City, Taoyuan County 330, Taiwan.
4. On information and belief, HTC Corporation is in the business of designing, manufacturing, and selling electronic devices including smartphones and tablets.

5. Defendant directly infringe and induce others to infringe at least claims 1-7, 10, 14, 17, 23, 26-32, 34 of the '467 Patent by offering for sale and selling smartphone products including but not limited to HTC One M7, HTC One M8, and HTC One M9.

JURISDICTION

6. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, United States Code, Title 35, §§ 1 *et seq.*

7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of the action under Title 28, United States Code, §§ 1331, 1338(a), because this action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

8. Venue in this judicial district is proper under Title 28, United States Code, §§ 1391(b) and 1400(b).

9. Defendant has committed and continues to commit acts of infringement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, and place infringing products into the stream of commerce, with knowledge or understanding that such products are sold in the State of Texas, including in this District.

BACKGROUND

10. Salazar is the owner of all rights, title and interest in and to United States patent No. 5,802,467 ("the '467 Patent").

11. After the '467 Patent issued in 1998, beginning in 1999, Salazar manufactured and sold products that embody the inventions disclosed and claimed in the '467 Patent. These products were marked with U.S. Patent No. 5,802,467 in accordance with and in compliance with the Marking Statute, 35 U.S.C. § 287.

COUNT ONE
INFRINGEMENT OF U. S. PATENT NO. 5,802,467

12. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-11 herein.

13. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendant has directly infringed, and is continuing to directly infringe (literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents) at least claims 1-7, 10, 14, 17, 23, 26-32, 34 of the '467 Patent by making, offering for sale or use, and/or selling, distributing, promoting or providing for use by others in the Eastern District of Texas and elsewhere in the United States, smartphone products including but not limited to HTC One M7, HTC One M8, and HTC One M9 that embody wireless communications, control and sensing systems for communicating with external devices, including televisions and other devices.

14. The accused HTC One smartphones are Android or Windows based phones and include microprocessors, memory devices, user interfaces, and infra-red frequency transceivers, among other components and features.

15. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), Defendant has infringed, and is continuing to infringe (literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents) at least claims 1-7, 10, 14, 17, 23, 26-32, 34 of the '467 Patent indirectly by inducing the infringement of the '467 Patent claims by third parties, including its direct and indirect customers. Defendant has induced, caused, urged, encouraged, aided, and abetted its direct and indirect customers to infringe the claims of the '467 Patent.

16. Defendant has done so by affirmative acts including but not limited to selling infringing products, marketing the infringing capabilities of such products, and providing instructions, technical support, and other encouragement for the use of such products.

17. Defendant knowingly and specifically intended third parties to infringe the '467 Patent's claims. Defendant knew of the '467 Patent, performed affirmative acts that constitute induced infringement, and knew or should have known that those acts would induce actual infringement of one or more of the '467 Patent's claims by third parties.

18. Defendant has had actual notice of the '467 Patent no later than the filing of Plaintiff's Original Complaint For Patent Infringement and, on information and belief, Defendant has had knowledge of the '467 Patent since as early as September of 1998 when the '467 Patent issued and/or in 1999 and thereafter when products embodying the inventions disclosed and claimed in '467 Patent and bearing the '467 U.S. patent number were offered for sale and sold in the United States.

19. On information and belief, Defendant, while fully aware that at least its smartphone products HTC One M7, HTC One M8, and HTC One M9 infringe one or more of the claims of the '467 Patent, offered for sale, sold, and induced others to buy, use and sell these infringing products.

20. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '467 Patent, Plaintiff has suffered monetary losses for which Plaintiff is entitled to an award of damages that are adequate to compensate Plaintiff for the infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 284, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

21. On information and belief, Defendant's infringement of the '467 Patent has been deliberate, willful and with full knowledge, or willful blindness to knowledge, of the '467 Patent.

22. Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial by reason of Defendant's willful infringement of the '467 Patent, and will suffer additional damages and will be irreparably injured unless the Court enjoins Defendant from continuing such infringement.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for relief, as follows:

A. That Plaintiff is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to United States patent No. 5,802,467, together with all rights of recovery under such patent for past and future infringement thereof;

B. That United States patent No. 5,802,467 is valid and enforceable in law and that Defendant has infringed said patent;

C. Awarding to Plaintiff his damages caused by Defendant's infringement of United States patent No. 5,802,467, including an assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs, and an award of supplemental damages for any continuing post-verdict infringement up until entry of the final Judgment with an accounting, as needed;

D. That Defendant's infringement has been willful and said damages be trebled pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

E. That this is an exceptional case and awarding to Plaintiff his costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

F. Awarding to Plaintiff such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b) and E. D. Tex. Loc. R. 38, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury for all issues triable by jury.

Dated: April 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

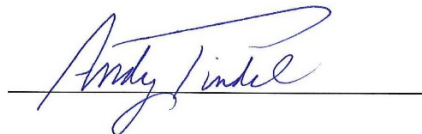
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